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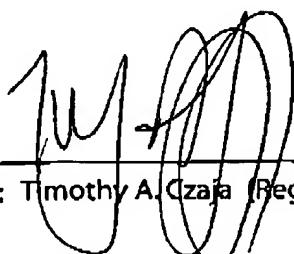
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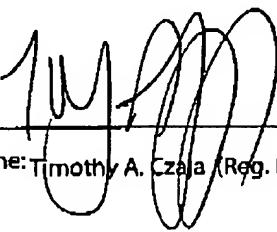
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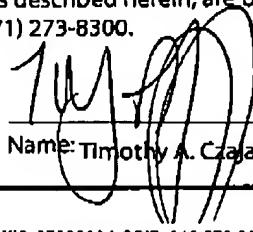
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, in which a Restriction Requirement was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Group I (claims 1-24) and Group II (claims 25-29). In response, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-24) with traverse for at least the reasons provided below.

Independent claim 1 recites a surgical micro-burring instrument including an outer tubular member and an inner tubular member. The outer tubular member forms a pocket and an elevator tip distal the pocket. The inner tubular member includes a bur positioned within the pocket such that at least a portion of the bur is exposed via an upper opening of the pocket. Independent claim 25 recites a method of performing a micro-burring procedure and includes providing a micro-burring instrument including the same features set forth in claim 1. In light of this relationship, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's reasoning that "the method can be performed by another and materially different apparatus" is unsupported. As such, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Amendment and Response

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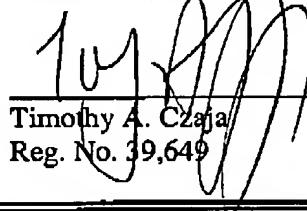
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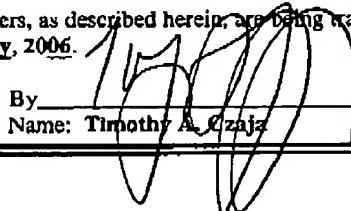
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